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In re Application of :  
Plotnikov et al. :  
Application No. 09/574738 :  
Filing or 371(c) Date: 05/17/2000 : ON PETITION  
Title of Invention: :  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :  
ACCESSING A COMPUTER BEHIND :  
A FIREWALL :  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a), filed December 11, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the non-final Office action, mailed May 21, 2004. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply from the mail date of the Office action. Extensions of time were available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on August 22, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed December 14, 2004.

Applicant files the present petition and includes an Amendment in response to the Office action. The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(a) in that (1) the reply in the form of an Amendment; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required showing of unavoidable delay. Accordingly, the reply is accepted as having been unavoidably delayed.

The application is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2132 for processing of the Amendment filed with the petition in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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